Title: Request the Central Government to implement the UGC pay scales to the agricultural scientists of our country.

DR. ASIM BALA (NABADWIP): Mr. Chairman, Sir, due to the refusal of UGC grades to agricultural scientists, there is great frustration and dejection among 6,000 agricultural scientists of this country who are working in various Agricultural Universities and in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Then, in spite of the fact that the Union Government had approved the package of new grades for University Teachers and extended it to ICAR, revised pay scales have not been implemented by ICAR. All the Central Government employees and the non-teaching employees of ICAR are getting the UGC scales of pay. But the scientists are not getting the revised pay scales in various Agricultural Universities and ICAR. The worst sufferers are the teachers who are retiring in spite of the decision of the Government to increase the retirement age. This is a vital issue and I would request the Government to implement the new UGC pay scales to the agricultural scientists of our country.